

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE T. MEENA KUMARI
AND
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

W.P. No. 2724 of 1993

Between:

R.V. Chakravarthi ...Petitioner.

And

The District Collector, Anantapur and others

...Respondents.

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DATED: FEBRUARY 23, 2006

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ORDER: (Per the Hon'ble Smt. Justice T. Meena Kumari)

This is a taken up writ petition on the basis of telegrams sent by one C. Viswanath, President, Ananthapur District Journalists Union requesting this Court to direct the District Administration to stop the transportation of Jambu Dwipa, a 2000 year old rock from Rasasiddaula Gutta in Konakondla of Anantapur District to Hyderabad museum.

From a perusal of the material annexed to the telegrams sent by the

petitioner it appears said 'Jambu Dwipa' has got vast historical importance. It is stated therein that the diagram of 'Jambu Dwipa' carved on the rock at Konakondla is the only one of its kind in the entire world and there is a separate book by name 'Jambu-Dwipaka-Pragnapti' written by a great Jain. Therefore, Konakondla should be developed as a tourist center to attract worldwide attention instead of shifting the Jambu Dwipa mystic circle to Hyderabad museum.

The respondents have not filed counter affidavit in the matter. In the absence of such counter from the respondents, it may not be possible for this Court to decide whether said 'Jambu Dwipa' has got such historical and cultural heritage as is stated by the petitioner. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct the respondents to look into the matter and consider whether said 'Jambu Dwipa' comes under the category of cultural and historical heritage and if so, to decide the matter as per the provisions of the A.P. Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1960 and the Rules framed there under.

With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

T. MEENA KUMARI, J.

K.C. BHANU, J.

February 23, 2006.

MVB.